Writing is the base of society. Without it, we would probably still be living in the caves with the monkeys! Writing has advanced our race so far over the heads of other creatures that it’s astounding. The reason we’re so smart today is because of writing! We wouldn’t be who we are if it weren’t for writing.

**My Language Arts Reflection**

In Language Arts class, we worked on three different pieces. One was a narrative, next was a non-fiction/non-narrative, and last was a fiction piece. Out of all three, I chose the fiction piece to write about and to show to you tonight. I hope you enjoy the next few minutes. Kick back, relax, and watch the show.

In my piece, Kidnapper’s Crimes, the main character is a girl named Isabella who is facing some problems in her tiny town of Hope Falls. Sandwiched between the towering Hope Falls and the mysterious Halo Forest, darkness lurks around, kidnapping unsuspecting people. It’s up to Isabella to stop this kidnapper and bring his crimes to light. Here’s an excerpt of my piece:

*Everybody says that our town is too close to the mysterious Halo Forests. Whenever someone goes into Halo Forests they never come back out. Until recently that myth had not been true. Everybody thinks that my town is in danger of being swallowed by the monstrous forest. Everybody except the whole tow n of Hope Falls.*

*I live in the tiny town of Hope Falls. Being underneath the mighty trees of Halo Forests, made many outsiders became afraid of these myths, as if they could come true. My parents have always told me that there was nothing weird about the place I have lived all my life. I never believed any of the myth nonsense that the outsiders have pointed out to us, then, just a few weeks ago an incident happened that made me doubt all my standards and break every rule that the mayor had ever invented. Here is my story, about crime, kids and kidnappers.*

For this story, I needed many skills. One of them is to be able to make this piece sound “realistic”. Because this is a fiction piece, you need to be able to keep a cap on how much “fiction” you add to this piece. If you add too much, then your piece will sound phony and dull. Everyone knows that penguins can’t fly, so keep some control on your imagination!

Another skill that I needed to make this piece complete is that I need a good, sturdy character so the audience will know how this person will react in different situations. If you don’t have a good and sturdy character your piece might crumble underneath their feet. Please make your character strong enough to hold the story up (Metaphorically speaking).

The most important skill I needed to write this piece is to write in small moments. Like a wise man said, “Don’t bite off more than you can chew.” Basically, don’t pack too much information in one small paragraph. Rushing this information makes your story look and sound awful to the audience. Don’t want to be booed out of your class? Then please write in small moments!

I am very proud of this piece. I worked a very long time to finish this and I am very, very proud of the result. I honestly think anyone with an open mind can enjoy my work. At one part of my story, my writing raised goose bumps on my arms because of how scary the part was. I am proud about how I used the narration to make the story exciting for the reader, and how the dialogue makes the story “come to life”.

I have improved a lot as a writer. When I first started coming to this Language Arts class, I didn’t know how to write in small moments. I also didn’t use great word choice. Now I write in small moments and use awesome word choice when I write my stories. This has really helped me become a better writer since I waltzed right into this class.

There are a few things that I need to improve on. One of these things is that I need to improve on is that I need to put more dialogue into my piece. Even though Isabella (the main character in my piece) is almost always with her best friend Olivia, they don’t talk so much. Because of this, I think a lot of people would think that the characters are the shy, quiet kind of kids. If this were true, then I need to add more chat soon!

This piece is my favorite piece of writing.